

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, and 16-31 are now pending in the application. The basis for the foregoing amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 13 to include the limitations of claim 15. Claim 15 has been cancelled. The dependency of claims 3, 5, and 10 has been amended. Claim 11 has been amended to reflect the existing antecedent basis for "pin." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 13 and claims 3, 5, 10, 11, and 16-20, dependent thereon, are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new claim 21 drafted to include the limitations of dependent claim 16 and base claim 13. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 and claims 22-31 dependent therefrom are in a condition for allowance.

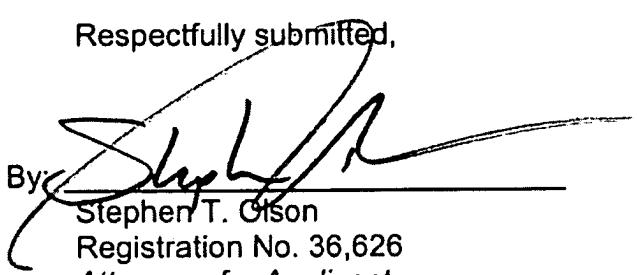
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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